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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FURTHER GOE ACTION AGAINST SOVIETS

1. WHILE WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING, HE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM SADAT IN BURG AL-ARAB. FROM WHAT I COULD OVER-HEAR, SADAT WANTED FAHMY TO CALL IN THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND INSTRUCT HIM TO CLOSE THE SOVIET CULTURAL CENTERS IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA. FAHMY DEMURRED. HE CONTENDED THIS WAS AN UNNECESSARY SLAP, ESPECIALLY ON THE EVE OF MINTRADE ZAKARIA TEWFIK'S TRIP TO MOSCOW, HOPEFULLY, TO SIGN THE TRADE PROTOCOL FOR '76. SADAT ARGUED THAT THE IRAQIS RECENTLY CLOSED SOVIET CULTURAL CENTER AND SOVIETS DID NOT REACT. WHY SHOULD THE EGYPTIANS NOT DO SO? SOLE PURPOSE OF SOVIET CULTURAL CENTERS, IN PRESIDENT'S VIEW, IS TO INCITE PUBLIC DISCONTENT. IN VIEW FAHMY'S OBJECTIONS, HOWEVER, SADAT AGREED THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN UNTIL SUBJECT IS DISCUSSED BY NSC.

2. FAHMY EXPECTS THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL PRESS FOR CLOSURE AND THAT HE WILL HAVE A HARD TIME DISSUADING SADAT FROM DOING SO. FAHMY CONSIDERS THE IDEA HIGHLY UNWISE AT THIS TIME.
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